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**Buffalo, Erie Co., N. Y., 101 Rodney Avenue,
Wednesday, October 18th, 1905.**

We, descendants of Elizabeth and Henry Botsford, of Leicestershire, England and Milford, Connecticut, in initial meeting assembled do form an organization under the name of Band of Botsford.

Date of annual reunion to be eighteenth day of October in perpetuity.

Place of annual meeting to be, 101 Rodney Avenue, Buffalo, Erie Co., New York, during life of present Senior Patriarch. After his death place of annual reunion shall be the residence of his successor, and thereafter place of reunion shall be residence of each successive Senior Patriarch.

Officers to be:— Senior Patriarch, oldest living male descendant. Junior Patriarch, next oldest living male descendant, and Secretary-Treasurer, oldest living female descendant.

Above officers to hold their respective, positions during life.

No initiation fee.

All descendants of Elizabeth and Henry Botsford shall, by that descent, be members.

An annual due is imposed of one dollar (\$1.00) to be paid by heads of each and every Botsford family, to provide a fund for payment of incidental expenses.

An absent who cannot attend annual reunion, may write and mail a letter of greeting to be received on or before October 18th, by Chas. Woodruff Woolley, Senior, the present Senior Patriarch, at Headquarters, No. 101 Rodney Avenue, Buffalo, Erie Co., New York.

In absence of Senior Patriarch and Junior Patriarch, the oldest male descendant present shall preside. In absence of the Secretary-Treasurer, the oldest female descendant, if any be present, shall act as Secretary-Treasurer, pro tem; if not, the chairman shall appoint a female descendant Secretary-Treasurer, pro tem. Senior Patriarch may have an assistant, who shall be a male descendant between the ages of 18 and 40. Secretary-Treasurer may have an assistant to be selected and named from among female descendants, between the ages of 18 and 40.

When in time it is judged expedient and necessary to have a Secretary and Treasurer, the next oldest male descendant, next to Junior Patriarch, shall be Secretary, who may have an assistant from among male descendants between the ages of 18 and 40.

When in time it is judged expedient and necessary to have a Treasurer, the next oldest female descendant shall be Treasurer, who may have an assistant from among female descendants between the ages of 18 and 40.

Births and deaths of descendants shall be promptly reported to Senior Patriarch, who shall report them to the Band of Botsford at subsequent reunion meeting. The Senior Patriarch, when he judges it necessary, may call a meeting of such descendants who are accessible.

“Armorial Bearings” of the family are a shield on bay branches surmounted by a dove:



Motto—"Digna Sequens," and this is to be the Coat of Arms of the Band of Botsford and Botsford descendants can use it, if any family or individual member wishes to have a Coat of Arms.

Senior Patriarch, Junior Patriarch and Secretary-Treasurer shall be a Finance Committee, to control the funds of the Band of Botsford, and to authorize payment of incidental and other expenses or outlay.

Secretary-Treasurer shall not incur any debt, nor make payment of any expenses without authorized by Finance Committee, and Treasurer shall report to the Band of Botsford at each reunion, October 18th, in every year.

During life of the present Senior Patriarch, he will be Historian and Librarian and may have an Assistant Historian, who shall be selected and named from among male descendants between the ages of 18 and 40, and an Assistant Librarian, who shall be selected and named from among female descendants between the ages of 18 and 40. After his death there shall be an Historian, who shall be the next oldest descendant after the Junior Patriarch, and the Historian may have an assistant, who shall be a male descendant between the ages of 18 and 40. At the death of the present Senior Patriarch there shall be a Librarian, who shall be selected and named from among female descendants between the ages of 18 and 40, and she may have an assistant who shall be under 40 years of age, a female descendant.

Books, pamphlets and other papers donated Band of Botsford to be in care of present Senior Patriarch as long as he lives, and after his death as Band of Botsford shall decide.

It shall be an established, recognized principle forever, that officers shall be, as near as

possible divided between female and male descendants.

Hours of reunion to be from 10 o'clock in the forenoon to 10 o'clock in the evening; descendants to come and go at their convenience and pleasure.

Descendants are requested to donate to Band of Botsford photographs of departed Botsfords and of living ones, to be placed in the Band of Botsford Albums, which shall be in care of the present Senior Patriarch during his life, and after his death, as Band of Botsford may direct.

It is enjoined on parents that they inculcate in their children love and veneration for their Ancestress Elizabeth and their Ancestor Henry Botsford, and always keep up an interest in family history and in Band of Botsford; when practicable, parents are to bring their children with them to annual reunion.

The Senior Patriarch's veto shall be absolute, and from his decisions there shall be no appeal.

Reunion and called meetings shall be opened by prayer and invocation to Almighty God for His blessing in the work of our Band of Botsford, and crown it with prosperity and success.

So mote it be.

SALUTATION.

All hail ! the Botsford Band,
An honor to the land
In which you dwell.
Let each a tribute bring,
Your many virtues sing ;
Let music sweet outring,
And good cheer swell.

We joyous greeting send,
With voices kind to blend,
Where kindred meet.
Ye sacred towers ring out !
Trees, clap your hands and shout,
Dispel all care and doubt,
This glad day greet.

Great Author of our lives,
Bless children, husbands, wives—
No clannish clan ;
Thy ensign fair extend
Our hand above. Defend
Our honor to the end,
Our guide, the Man.

With blessing recognize,
This venture new emprise.
We now install
To fellowship promote
To unity devote :
To children still remote
A potent call.

The Botsford Band, all hail !
Banded to wrong assail,
The right defend.
Gird up your loins each day,
For strength and guidance pray
To walk the shining way—
Love's reign extend.

Charles Brainerd Botsford.

BAND OF BOTSFORD

No. 101 Rodney Ave., Buffalo, Erie Co.,
New York, Wednesday, October 18, 1905.

Descendants of Elizabeth and Henry Botsford, of Leicestershire, England, and Milford, Connecticut, in initial reunion, met at 10 o'clock A. M. and formed an organization under the title of Band of Botsford.

After prayer and an invocation to Almighty God for His blessing, act of organization was read and signed by all present, signatures of absent descendants taken from their letters of greeting, were appended.

Charles Woodruff Woolley, Sr., aged 82, of Buffalo, Erie Co., New York, was installed Senior Patriarch; Charles E. Botsford of Springville, Erie County, New York, was Junior Patriarch, *pro tem*; Sue Dana Woolley, of Buffalo, Erie Co., New York, was Secretary-Treasurer, *pro tem*; and Samuel Booth Botsford, age 28, was named Assistant Historian.

Letters of greeting from absent descendants were read, pictures of Botsford kindred were of great interest, among them father and grandfather of Harry Gordon Botsford, and of President Theodore Roosevelt, ~~a descendant~~, a gift from Harry Gordon Botsford, of Boston, Mass.

Salutation, written by Charles Brainerd Botsford, of West Roxbury, Mass., was read as part of minutes and placed on record. The "Coat of Arms" of the family was adopted, a shield on bay leaves, surmounted by a dove, motto—"Digna Sequens." We are indebted to Henry Gordon Botsford for the "Coat of Arms."

At 10 o'clock P. M. after a very interesting and instructive reunion, Band of Botsford dispersed to meet Reunion Day, October 18, 1906.

Charles Woodruff Woolley, Sr., aged 82,
101 Rodney Ave., Buffalo, Erie Co., N. Y.

Charles E. Botsford, aged 68,
Springville, Erie Co., N. Y.

Sue Dana Woolley,
101 Rodney Ave., Buffalo, Erie Co., N. Y.

Charles Woodruff Woolley, Jr.
101 Rodney Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.

Ida Lafferty Stroh,
127 Forest Ave., Buffalo, Erie Co., N. Y.

Samuel Booth Botsford, aged 28,
816 Prudential Bldg., Buffalo, Erie Co., N. Y.

Ethel Grace Botsford,
Springville, Erie Co., N. Y.

Pearl V. Stroh, age 13.
127 Forest Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.

Edna M. Stroh, age 10,
127 Forest Ave., Buffalo, Erie Co., N. Y.

Cordelia Matthews Crane,
20 Central Ave., Newark, Essex Co., N. J.

Lizzie Benedict Pierson,
32 Lincoln Street,
Meriden, New Haven Co., Conn.

Harry Gordon Botsford,
246 Summer St., Boston, Mass.

Eleanor Bradford Botsford,
246 Summer St., Boston, Mass.

Harry Gordon Botsford, Jr.
246 Summer St., Boston, Mass.

Amanda Smith Hawks,
165 Summer St., Buffalo, Erie Co., N. Y.

Kate Sandford Woolley Bemus,
1612 Maple Ave., Los Angeles, California.

Denman Woolley Bemus,
1612 Maple Ave., Los Angeles, California.

Marion Barnes Bemus,
1612 Maple Ave., Los Angeles, California.

Dana Sandford Woolley,
New Canaan, Fairfield Co., Conn.

Sandford Battey Woolley,
New Canaan, Fairfield Co., Conn.

Laurence Denman Woolley,
New Canaan, Fairfield, Co. Conn.

Charles Brainerd Botsford,
127 Kingston St., Boston, Mass.

Dr. Le Baron Botsford,
Le Baron Botsford, Jr.
225 Stuyvesant Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Frances Botsford Nickerson,
Nelson, British Columbia.

Harriet Wade Campbell,
Mary Denman Campbell,
Charles Campbell,
Wellington Campbell, *m. 2*.
Short Hills, Essex Co. New Jersey.

Marcia Medbery Dwyer,
Anacortes, Skagit Co., Washington.

Caroline Medbery Knapp,
Anacortes, Skagit Co., Washington.

Wm. Josiah Botsford,
105 East 8th St., Elmira, Chemung Co., N. Y.

Irving G. Botsford,
Warsaw, Wyoming Co., N. Y.

Henry B. Betts,
R. F. D., No. 23 Danbury,
Fairfield Co., Connecticut.



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Headquarters, 101 Rodney Avenue, Buffalo,
Erie Co., New York, October 27, 1905.

At a meeting held at above place and time, the following rules or by-laws were added to Act of Organization :

Non-payment of annual dues by head of any family shall disqualify him or her from being an active member, and though receiving a loving welcome to Reunion, shall be silent members — that is, disqualified to hold any position and debarred from participation in discussion of any subject that may come up for action.

Senior Patriarch may have a Private Secretary, irrespective of age or sex, and until it be determined who is the oldest living female descendant, the Private Secretary to Senior Patriarch shall act as Treasurer. Any act or writing of that officer, attested by Senior Patriarch, shall be binding on Band of Botsford.

There shall be a Counselor, irrespective of age or sex, who shall be appointed and named by Senior Patriarch, to hold position during life.

When the receipts of annual dues shall be more than sufficient to pay incidental expenses, the surplus shall be a fund for relief of indigent, needy and sick descendants.

And there shall be a board on relief, which shall be constituted and be: Senior Patriarch, Junior Patriarch, Counselor, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall control expenditure of such surplus.

The Cabinet, or official family of Senior Patriarch, shall consist of Junior Patriarch, Ass't Historian, Counselor, Private Secretary and Treasurer.

Subject for raising fund for relief of aged, indigent and needy descendants was proposed by gifts of money and legacies. After a discussion, it was judged premature and was deferred to Annual Reunion, October 18, 1906.

Treasurer reported receipts from annual dues, \$8.00; expenditures, \$11.68; dispersion, 8.30 P. M.

Le Baron Botsford, M. D., of Brooklyn, N. Y., was appointed Surgeon-General and Physician-in-Chief of Band of Botsford during his life.

Harry Gordon Botsford, C. E., of Boston, Mass., was appointed Counselor during his life.

Charles Brainerd Botsford, Boston, Mass., was appointed Poet Laureate of Band of Botsford during his life.

Sue Dana Woolley, Buffalo, N. Y., was appointed Private Secretary.

On receipt of appointment as Poet Laureate, Charles Brainerd Botsford, Boston, Mass., wrote the following Salutation:

SALUTATION.

Hail to our noble chief !
An honor to our Band,
A virile leader brave and true,
Well fitted to command.

Lead on your marshalled corps
In conflict for the right,
That every man by deed may prove
Himself a child of light.

Hail worthy "Potentate,"
Of youthful spirit bold,
To Church and State your life devote
In service manifold.

No Poet Laureate
Is needed to rehearse
Your long, useful, honored life,
In bold heroic verse.

Long live ! our worthy chief,
And when your work is done,
Be you with lasting honor crowned,
Life's battle fought and won.

Charles Brainerd Botsford.

Boston, Nov. 6, 1905.

EULOGIUM.

Loud and long your voices raise,
Clear and high in triumph sing,
Great gifted master of Poetry,
Charles Brainerd Botsford is king.

C. W. W. Sr.

Buffalo, Erie Co., New York.
Wednesday, Nov. 8, 1905.

SALUTATION.

Greetings to ye Band of Botsford,
Noble race, to thee I sing.
And may all your voices mingle
With a glad triumphant ring.
May we each and every member
Of this glad triumphant band
Through Elizabeth and Henry,
Be an honor to our land.

Every pulse and every heart beat
Vibrates with a love for you.
Oh ! my kindred, Band of Botsford,
With your noble blood of blue,
May God's blessing now descending
Rest upon you like a dove,
Emblem of the Band of Botsford !
Emblem of eternal love.

These verses came to me as I was lying sick in bed. I
hope they will be acceptable.

Mary Botsford De Grau.

Southport, N. Y., Dec. 18, 1905.

BAND OF BOTSFORD

Headquarters, 101 Rodney Ave., Buffalo, Erie
Co., N. Y., Thursday, Oct. 18, 1906.

SECOND ANNUAL REUNION

At 10 A. M. Invocation to God for his
blessing upon our work.

During the day, descendants enjoyed social
intercourse.

At 8 P. M. Assistant Historian, Samuel
Booth Botsford, read the Salutation, by Poet
Laureate, Charles Brainerd Botsford, Boston,
Mass.

SALUTATION.

Again we greet the Botsford Band,
The choicest of our happy land,
At least the most unique.
Gather once more in friendship's name
Untarnished is our modest fame,
We social joys bespeak.

Let music wake her sweetest strain,
We will repeat the glad refrain
With jovousness and zest,
We still will keep our armor bright,
In righteousness and peace delight,
And be of Heaven blest.

God of our Fathers, we bespeak
Thy blessing now, Thy guidance seek
For all the way before.
Should we be turned aside from right,
Or err in Thy omniscient sight,
In Father love restore.

Gird up our loins for all the strife
Thou hast appointed us in life,
The shield of faith provide,
The helmet place upon each brow,
And be in us a holy vow,
Give armor true and tried.

And when our mortal race is run,
And we thro' grace have victory won,
Admit us through the gate,
Where prophets, martyrs, all the true,
With songs of triumph ever new,
A gathering throng await.

Charles Brainerd Botsford.

Boston, Mass.

Senior Patriarch reported that 500 pamphlets of 1st Reunion had been mailed to descendants, and to leading genealogical and historical societies and libraries.

BIRTHS

MARRIAGES

DEATHS

BIRTHS.

Twins—to Mabel Virginia Daniels, dates and names not given.

Margaret Helen — born Monday, March 12, 1906, daughter of Harry Gordon Botsford, C. E., Boston, Mass.

Henry Botsford — born April 3, 1906, son of Irene Botsford Hoffman, Scarsdale, N. Y., grandson of Henry Botsford, Chicago, Ill.

MARRIAGES.

George Arbuthnot Botsford to Hannah Marion, daughter of Judge Skinner, Dorchester, Mass.

NECROLOGY.

Wm. Botsford, M. D., Monday, Oct. 22, 1905, San Francisco, California.

Denman W. Rich, Minneapolis, Minn., no date given.

Fidelia Smith, no date nor place given.

William Woodruff Woolley, Monday, March 5, 1906, Providence, Rhode Island.

Denman Theodore Frelinghuisen, no date given, St. Louis, Mo.

George Edward Botsford, killed in automobile accident, Bridgeport, Conn.

Daniel J. Botsford, date not given, Chicago, Cook County, Ill.

Mary Knapp, no date given, Anacortes, Skagit Co., Washington.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Total receipts from annual dues	\$ 41.00
Total expenditures	40.54

Letters of greeting from absent descendants were read. Register was signed by those present, and signatures of absent descendants taken from their letters were appended.

Marshal Eugene Botsford, Keuka, N. Y.
Simeon Botsford, Hudson, Mich.
Minnie E. Rorick, Buffalo, N. Y.
Irah Bell Rorick, (aged 13), Buffalo, N. Y.
Alma Botsford Rorick, (aged 10), Buffalo, N. Y.
Willis H. Robinson, Flint, N. Y.
Stewart Allen Robinson, Flint, N. Y.
Effie May Botsford Hull, Cuylersville, N. Y.
Erwin W. Botsford, Wiscoy, N. Y.
Leon Eugene Botsford, Emporium, Pa.
Samuel Booth Botsford, Buffalo, N. Y.
Rosalie Bassett Caldwell, Buffalo, N. Y.
Oscar S. Botsford, Buffalo, N. Y.
Chas. Woodruff Woolley, Sr., (aged 83), Buffalo,
N. Y.
Chas. Woodruff Woolley, Jr., Buffalo, N. Y.
Sue Dana Woolley, Buffalo, N. Y.
Chas. E. Botsford, Springville, N. Y.
Edith Mary Botsford, Springville, N. Y.
Ethel Grace Botsford, Springville, N. Y.
Mina Botsford Sheley, Ann Arbor, Mich.
Polly Pond Botsford Sheley, Ann Arbor, Mich.

Anna Botsford Bach, Ann Arbor, Mich.
Celia Botsford Gillette, Ann Arbor, Mich.
Harry Gordon Botsford, Boston, Mass.
Harry Gordon Botsford, Jr., Boston, Mass.
Eleanor Bradford Botsford, Boston, Mass.
Margaret Helen Botsford, Boston, Mass.
Le Baron Botsford, M. D., Brooklyn, N. Y.
Chipman Botsford, Bluefield, W. Va.
Robert Leonard Botsford, M. D., Moncton, N.
B., Canada.
Charles Brainerd Botsford, Boston, Mass.
Heman L. Botsford, Houghton, Mich.
Frederick G. Botsford, Ashtabula, Ohio.
William F. Botsford, Syracuse, N. Y.
Geo. Theophilus Botsford, Little Valley, N. Y.
Anna Botsford Comstock, Ithaca, N. Y.
Dana Sandford Woolley, Noroton Heights, Conn.
Sandford Battey Woolley, Noroton Heights, Conn.
Laurence Denman Woolley, Noroton Heights,
Conn.
Kate Sandford Woolley Bemus, Los Angeles, Cal.
Denman Woolley Bemus, Los Angeles, Cal.
Marion Barnes Bemus, Los Angeles, Cal.
Marcia Medbery Dwyer, Anacortes, Wash.
Caroline Medbery Knapp, Anacortes, Wash.
Lizzie Benedict Pierson, Meriden, Conn.
Mary Julia Hatch, New Milford, Conn.
Mary B. Gardner, Brooklyn, N. Y.
N. H. Botsford, Brooklyn, N. Y.
D. H. Botsford, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Mary Denman Clark Dennis, Berwyn, Ill.
Henry Botsford, Chicago, Ill.
Lemyra Clark Poe, Ravenna, Ohio.

Frances Botsford Edwards, Hillsdale, Mich.
Clara Edwards Porter, Hillsdale, Mich.
Georgia Edwards Du Bois, Hillsdale, Mich.
Bertha Edwards, Hillsdale, Mich.
Erma Edwards, Hillsdale, Mich.
Mabel Porter, Hillsdale, Mich.
Troy Welper, Hillsdale, Mich.
Floyd Welper, Hillsdale, Mich.
Thelma Du Bois, Hillsdale, Mich.
Frances Du Bois, Hillsdale, Mich.
James R. Davis, Berkeley, California.
Joseph E. Taulman, Hubbard City, Texas.
Wilhemina Dorothy Taulman, (aged 3), Hubbard
City, Texas.
Katrina Mildred Taulman, (aged 2), Hubbard
City, Texas.
Minnie Lee Taulman, Hubbard City, Texas.
Ottie Lloyd Taulman, Hubbard City, Texas.
Francis Alyene Taulman, Hubbard City, Texas.
Juanita Taulman, Hubbard City, Texas.
Frank Myrl Taulman, Hubbard City, Texas.
Julia Laura P. Taulinan Sweetman, Hubbard City,
Texas.
Sidney Elizabeth Lyon, Jeffersonville, Ind.
Lyndon Peck Smith, Piermont, N. Y. City.
Ida Lafferty Stroh, Buffalo, N. Y.
Pearl V. Stroh, Buffalo, N. Y.
Edna M. Stroh, Buffalo, N. Y.
Irving G. Botsford, Warsaw, N. Y.
Sarah Frances Botsford Nickerson, Nelson, B. C.
Francis Gordon Nickerson, Nelson, B. C.
Sarah A. Cogswell Nickerson, Nelson, B. C.
Jessje Drury Nickerson, Nelson, B. C.

Mary Sybrant Nickerson, Nelson, B. C.
David Blair Nickerson, Nelson, B. C.
George Hazen Nickerson, Nelson, B. C.
Henry Whipple Woolley, Buffalo, N. Y.
Charles Ward Botsford, Guanajuato, Mexico.

The six (6) oldest living descendants known to date are :

Mrs. Lucinda Botsford Knight, Waterloo, N. Y., aged 86.

Orvill Botsford, Farmington, Michigan, aged 86.

Frederick Botsford, New Haven, Conn., aged 85.

Charles Woodruff Woolley, Sr., Buffalo, N. Y., aged 83.

Mrs. Mary Botsford Reed, Racine, Wisconsin, aged 82,

and her brother

Ahira Franklin Botsford, Racine, Wisconsin, aged 80.

At 10 o'clock P. M., Band of Botsford dispersed to meet in Third Annual Reunion, October 18, 1907.

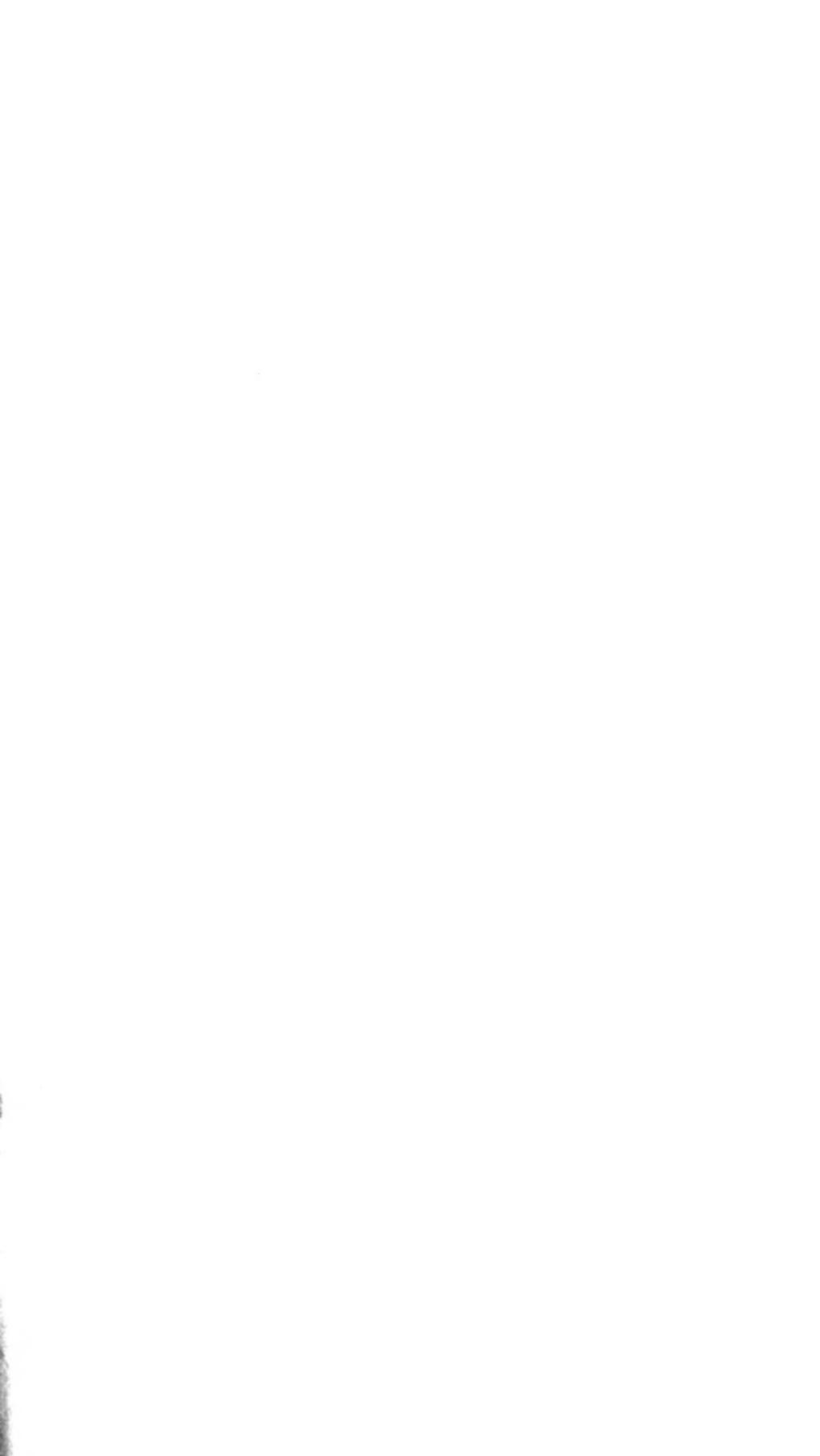
BAND OF BOTSFORD.

It is intended ultimately to publish a Botsford family record, entitled **Botsford and Allied Families**, and all Botsford descendants, irrespective of ancestry, are earnestly requested to send us his or her family history, with full names, dates of births, marriages and deaths, and as much of the history of allied families as possible.

Intention is to publish in pamphlet as soon as possible a list of names in full, and addresses of every living Botsford descendant to be found anywhere, therefore all Botsford descendants are entreated to mail us full names and addresses of every living descendant they know of.

Band of Botsford should have financial aid, therefore descendants send in your annual dues, \$1.00, that Band of Botsford can pay liabilities. Every descendant must do her or his best to crown Band of Botsford with prosperity and success.

So mote it be !



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